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Here's all I have:

The EPA is continuing property assessments, as needed, and identifying mitigation needs. There are currently 4-8 properties under construction for targeted limited sediment removal.

Surface and Private Well Water Sampling and Sediment Sampling: The EPA collected surface water and sediment samples to assess the upper Animas River through the canyon. A total of 253 private wells have been sampled, only 7 of them have had drinking water exceedances.

The CDPHE joined the EPA to assess the upper Animas River through the canyon. An area of slow water and significant sediment deposits was identified approximately five miles below Silverton. The area is commonly known as Elk Park. (not sure what we're going to do about it – info would help from JIC).

The latest flow rate from the mine ranged from 606 to 515 gallons per minute.

The EPA independent investigative team is now on scene.

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